REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the above-identified application are respectfully requested. Upon entry of this Amendment, claim 1 will be amended, leaving claims 1-7, 9, 10, 19 and 23 pending with claims 1 and 19 being independent.

Applicant appreciates the indication that claims 19 and 23 are allowed and claims 4-7 contain allowable subject matter.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Claims 1, 9 and 10 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,347,796 to Grossman et al.

As noted in the listing of claims, independent claim 1 has been amended to positively recite the game console controller, as suggested by the Examiner in a December 10, 2004 telephone conversation. Additionally, as noted in the previous response, independent claim 1 contains subject matter indicated allowable in dependent claim 8.

Therefore, amended independent claim 1 and its respective dependent claims 2-7, 9 and 10 should be allowable.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Claims 2 and 3 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatenable over the Grosman et al. patent in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,435,447 to Weatherford et al.

Applicant submits that since claims 2 and 3 are dependent from independent claim 1, they are allowable for the reasons stated above.

In view of the foregoing comments, it is believed the above-identified application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

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